



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Edouard G. Lebel

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TITLE: TRANSGENIC PLANTS EXPRESSING A
CELLULASE

GROUP ART UNIT: 1638

EXAMINER: KUBELIK, ANNE R.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed February 22, 2006 and the Final Office Action mailed November 22, 2005, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks. Submitted herewith is 1) an extension of time for 5 months from February 22, 2006 up to and including April 24, 2006 (April 22, 2006 was a Saturday) with fee by credit card; 2) Exhibits 1-3, and 3) an RCE.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 50-1744 in the name of Syngenta Biotechnology Inc.